

Remarks:

Claims 3-5, 16, 24-25, 27, 36, 39, 41, and 45-47 remain for consideration in this application.

Claim 16 has been amended. Claim 47 has been added as a new claim. Claims 1-2, 6-15, 17-23, 26, 28-35, 37-38, 40, and 42-44 have been canceled. These canceled claims include those that were previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

In the last office action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-5, 24, 25, 27, 36, 39, 41, 45, and 46 were allowed. The Examiner further indicated that claims 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 15 has been canceled and rewritten in independent form as claim 47, and claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 47. Finally, all claims rejected on the basis of prior art have been canceled.

It is believed that no further issues remain in this case. In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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